



# 2015 SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

## Holyoke Range State Park

### Notch Visitors Center

1500 West Street, Amherst MA

**Park Interpreter: Donovan**

**Park Phone Number: (413) 253-2883**

All programs are free and open to the public. All programs meet inside the Notch Visitor Center.

Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information please call the park, open 9am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 10 AM – Nature Hike: Changing Landscape	<b>1</b> 10 AM – Nature Hike: Wild Woods 2 PM – Animal Exploration: Skulls	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10 AM – Kidleidescope: The Food Web 2 PM - Nature Hike: Wild Woods	<b>5</b>
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# PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

<b>Kidleidiscopes</b>	<p>A one hour program that includes a story, an activity, and an art project. Each program focuses on a different topic. Program appropriate for children 3-8(?) accompanied by an adult.</p> <p><b><u>Owls:</u></b> What do they eat? Where do they live? ‘Whoo’ knows what they sound like? Come and learn about these silent nighttime hunters!</p> <p><b><u>Trees:</u></b> Why are trees so big? How come they lose their leaves in the fall? Come and learn the answers to these questions, and why they are such an important part of our world.</p> <p><b><u>Food Cycles:</u></b> It is an eat or be eaten world out there! Our ecosystem is complex, and every plant and animal plays a part in it. Come and see how everything fits together.</p>
<b>Nature Hike</b>	<p>Bring the whole family out for a hike! Please bring good walking shoes, water, bug spray, and sunscreen. Hikes can last 30 minutes to an hour, depending on the group.</p> <p><b>The Changing Landscape:</b> Take a guided walk through the woods. Learn about how forests in Massachusetts have changed since European colonization, and how they are continuing to change. This program is intended for those budding naturalists interested in the history of forests in Massachusetts. Participants should bring insect repellent and plenty of water. This program is appropriate for adults and older children accompanied by an adult.</p> <p><b>Wild Woods Walks:</b> Ever wondered about some of the things you’ve seen or heard in your backyard? Join one of our interpreters as we hike at a leisurely pace over easy terrain and learn about the wild plants, birds, and animals we come across, and how we can affect their lives. Bring any questions you may already have about the wild woods! This program is appropriate for adults and children accompanied by adults.</p>
<b>Wildlife Exploration</b>	<p>Animals are an integral part of the Holyoke Range. Come and learn about some of our local neighbors! Program appropriate for adults and children 8 and older accompanied by an adult.</p> <p><b>Owl Detectives:</b> Learn about local owls. This program will talk about the owl species that inhabit the region, their biology and teach you to identify them by their calls. Then play detective and dissect an owl pellet to determine what the owl ate!</p> <p><b>Speaking with Skulls, Searching for Signs:</b> You might think that the dead don’t talk, but you might be surprised! Come examine the skulls of local animals and see what a bunch of old bones can tell you. Then, use what you have learned to match other trail signs to their owners.</p>